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REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

BIRTHS IN TOWNSEND FOR THE YEAR 1888.

- January 16, son to Abel W. and Estella E. King.
January 31, daughter to William H. and Susan A. McWilliams.
February 6, daughter to Henry H. and Caroline L. Wyman.
February 7, daughter to George A. and Fannie E. Fletcher.
February 13, daughter to John A. and Ellen M. Arlin.
February 18, daughter to George E. and Ella F. Clark.
March 28, son to Robert D. and Rebecca Kiddy.
June 16, son to Maurice C. and Mary E. Welch.
June 20, daughter to Levi T. and Flora L. Parker.
June 22, daughter to Patrick and Annie Greene.
June 27, son to Milo and Addie F. Spaulding.
June 30, daughter to William and Elizabeth Koch.
June 30, daughter to W. W. and Mary E. Bentley.
July 5, son to James B. and Annie Tarbeli.
July 27, daughter to Hezekiah and Susan R. Worcester.
August 8, son to William and Sarah A. Powell.
August 9, twins, son and daughter, to John and Mary A. O'Connell.
August 28, son to Cyrus L. and Margaret A. Angier.
September 22, son to Michael and Catherine O'Brien.
September 28, son to John and Hannah M. McGuire.
October 24, daughter to William O. and Abbie A. Loveland.
November 1, son to Edward A. and Lizzie J. Craig.
November 4, daughter to Oin and Jennie E. Worcester.
December 8, daughter to Frank S. and Carrie J. Hatch.
December 9, son to Eugene R. and Abbie C. Kilbourn.
December 17, daughter to Charles K. and Mary Kelly.
December 24, son to Albert S. and Ellen C. Howard.
December 31, daughter to Elmer L. and Emily J. Winn.

MARRIAGES IN TOWNSEND FOR THE YEAR 1888.

January 12,	Charles R. Hall,	Townsend.
	Ella M. Hale,	Townsend.
January 18,	Albert J. Atwood,	Townsend.
	Flora I. Battles,	Ashby.
January 25,	Albert S. Howard,	Townsend.
	Ellen C. Goodale,	Hudson.
February 8,	Hezzie Spaulding,	Shirley.
	Cora A. Turner,	Townsend.
February 18,	George D. Wyeth,	Nashua, N. H.
	Mary O. Gorham,	Townsend.
February 22,	Willie H. Lund,	Hollis, N. H.
	Jessie T. McMaster,	Hollis, N. H.
April 2,	Frank S. Hatch,	Townsend.
	Josephine C. Dustin,	Townsend.
April 10,	John Dobson,	Townsend.
	Nellie Colburn,	Brookline, N. H.
April 14,	William H. Mills,	West Townsend.
	Clara W. Kendall,	West Townsend.
April 29,	Charles S. Sanders,	Derry, N. H.
	Nanno M. Sullivan,	Townsend.
May 17,	John A. Gould,	Lunenburg.
	Hattie E. Crockett,	Lunenburg.
May 16,	John B. Hardy,	Brookline, N. H.
	Caroline B. Richardson,	Hollis, N. H.
May 30,	William G. Lappage,	Lunenburg.
	Cora M. Adams,	Townsend.
June 21,	Arthur W. Adams,	Townsend.
	Charlotte E. Hartwell,	Lunenburg.
September 14,	Charles W. Latham,	Fitchburg.
	Agnes Kendrick,	Fitchburg.
September 16,	Frederick L. Jefts,	Townsend.
	Flora A. Currier,	Townsend.
September 26,	Sherman J. Swallow,	Rindge, N. H.
	Gertrude V. McIntire,	Ashburnham.

September 27,	Carmi H. Scales,	Townsend.
September 29,	Nettie L. Gibson,	New Ipswich, N. H.
	Carl W. Cochran,	Greenville, N. H.
	L. May Sanborn,	Greenville, N. H.
October 24	T. Adelbert Greenleaf,	Stark, N. H.
	Emma M. Hinds,	Townsend.
November 7,	Charles M. Gordon,	Thornton, N. H.
	Rachel A. Gordon,	Thornton, N. H.
November 21,	Walter V. Fletcher,	Townsend.
	Cora E. Perkins,	Townsend.
November 28,	Will B. Graham,	Townsend.
	Flora A. Shattuck,	Townsend.
December 3,	Lincoln F. Spear,	Leominster.
	Lillier A. Wheeler,	Townsend.
December 22,	Charles Knox,	Cambridge.
	Angie M. Hodgkins,	West Townsend.
December 24,	Alfred M. Orde,	Townsend.
	Mary E. Eaves,	Townsend.

DEATHS IN TOWNSEND FOR THE YEAR 1888.*

January 18,	Mary Sparhawk,	83 years,	2 months,	19 days.
February 1,	Oliver H. Pratt,	85 "	7 "	15 "
February 27,	Elizabeth Callahan,	47 "	— "	— "
February 28,	Deborah V. Holman,	90 "	6 "	12 "
March 3,	Frederick A. Worcester,	81 "	1 "	4 "
March 10,	Catherine E. Dix,	60 "	5 "	10 "
March 14,	Aaron W. Keyes,	61 "	1 "	13 "
April 6,	Mary Ann Hodgman,	87 "	11 "	21 "
April 12,	Patrick Buckley,	70 "	— "	— "
April 18,	Martin V. Gilchrest,	51 "	4 "	16 "
April 25,	Myra A. Bush,	39 "	2 "	25 "
May 30,	Catherine McDornought,	— "	8 "	7 "
June 8,	Sarah D. Whitcomb,	84 "	9 "	26 "
June 16,	Etta May Orde,	— "	8 "	26 "
July 2,	James Buckley,	65 "	— "	— "

July 3,	Lydia S. Jefts,	18 years,	7 months,	15 days.
July 16,	Rosco A. Wakefield,	5 "	6 "	— "
July 30,	Worcester Infant,	— "	— "	2 "
September 7,	Thomas H. O'Connell,	— "	— "	28 "
September 18,	Harriet M. Wood,	3 "	— "	— "
September 19,	Cyrus H. Angier,	— "	— "	22 "
September 21,	Benjamin F. Hennesy,	88 "	— "	— "
October 3,	Irma F. Clark,	— "	7 "	15 "
October 12,	Alvah Stickney,	81 "	2 "	24 "
November 7,	Mary Streeter,	87 "	10 "	15 "
December 8,	Lucinda W. Shattuck,	81 "	1 "	10 "
December 21,	Charles Lamb,	66 "	10 "	21 "

REPORT ON DOG LICENSES.

Paid into the treasury of Middlesex county on account of dog licenses as per receipts of the treasurer on file, two hundred thirty-two dollars and eighty cents (\$232.80).

Number of dogs licensed,	121
Males,	116
Females,	5
Amount received for licenses,	\$257 00
Amount of fees (20 cents per license),	24 20
Paid to county treasurer as per above statement,	232 80
Ninety-four per cent refund,	218 83

E. A. BLOOD, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

To the Board of School Committee of the Town of Townsend :

The Library Committee herewith submits its annual report.

Amount received for cards and fines,	\$21 86	
“ “ “ catalogues,	1 60	
“ brought over from 1888,	4 93	
	<hr/>	\$28 39
Cash paid Janitor,	\$5 00	
“ “ for shelves,	1 96	
“ “ “ stools,	90	
“ “ “ express and postage,	86	
“ “ “ incidentals,	1 29	
	<hr/>	\$10 01
Cash on hand Feb. 26, 1889,		18 38
		<hr/>
		\$28 39
Number of volumes in Library,		1,894
“ “ “ taken from library from Jan. 1, 1888,		
to Jan. 1, 1889,		5,023

No new books have been added to the library up to this time, with the exception of the magazines presented by the Reading Club, the amount appropriated for the purchase of books having been only recently drawn; as it was thought best to defer the expenditure until this time. The new additions will, however, be placed on the shelves in a short time. A supplementary catalogue is being compiled, which will be printed and distributed in a few days. The work of the library has continued the past year its silent, but beneficent progress; nothing having occurred calling for special comment. The change of hours from Friday to Saturday evening has been acceptable to the public and is conducive to the

well being of the library. The policy the committee have pursued the past nine years of displacing the exciting and sensational for works of true worth has resulted in a decided change in the general *personnel* of the library; that this is appreciated is evinced by the fact that over five thousand volumes were taken out during the past year.

We trust that books of reference or collateral reading may be used more freely by the pupils of our public schools, to which allusion was made last year; if it is necessary the committee will furnish duplicates of useful books. It is better to have six copies of a book designed to do a good work, than six books of an inferior character.

“The man who makes a book that has in it a principle of true intellectual vitality, a book that contains glorious thoughts that cannot die, and that may become the elements of mighty power in the minds of other men is indeed one of the most favored of his race; for he has in the best sense, at once an earthly ubiquity and earthly immortality.” Credit is in a large measure due to the librarian, Miss Kate L. Larkin, who has performed the executive work in the usual acceptable and happy manner.

Respectfully submitted.

L. G. CHANDLER,

Chairman Library Committee.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the School Committee :

It has been said of New England that she "builds school-houses and raises men." Still another good thing said concerning her is, that she is modeling room of the nation's work-shop. Whether this be true in regard to all American nations and institutions, it can hardly be denied. I presume that this is eminently true in regard to our American public school system. When Hon. Dexter Hawkins of New York, some years ago, entered the vatican and placed before Cardinal Antonelli the perfected idea of our American public school, I am told that it was a description of the *Massachusetts* educational system, and a picture of a *Boston* school building, he took with him. Is it surprising that New Englanders feel an honorable pride in, and religiously cherish, this best product of their brain?

There has perhaps never been a time since the foundation of the Republic when public attention has been more widely directed to, or more intensely concentrated upon our American public school system, than at present. Meantime, recent agitation is revealing the very gratifying fact that our public school system has truly a very warm place in the American heart; that of the well-being and integrity of no other institution, perhaps, are we more jealous than of this; that with reference to any unlawful tampering with no other integral part of our national heritage are we more sensitive than at this point. Keenly we scan and as promptly and decidedly resent, all encroachments whatsoever upon this, as we esteem it, the sheet-anchor of our institutions. For the very best of reasons, as just intimated, the American people thus guard their schools as the very apple of their eye. It is clearly impossible to exaggerate the value of an efficiently, wisely, patriotically administered public school system throughout all our national domain. On this, plainly, we must

largely depend to promote an intelligent and patriotic citizenship. With an ignorant illiterate, benighted citizenship, obviously, a republic is impossible. "Statistics," says Dr. William S. Harris, "have uniformly shown that the body of illiterates in a community, furnishes far more than its quota of convicted criminals for the prisons. In our northern states, the four per cent of illiterates furnish about twenty-five per cent of the prisoners; and those extremely deficient in schooling furnish far the large part of the remainder." Besides, undeniably, the dull brain is a haunt of mischief. "The dull brain," says Edwin D. Mead, "is what we have to dread. It is where obtuseness is, where ignorance is, where the thick head is, that there is doggedness and narrowness and bigotry and self-conceit and sulkiness and soil for whatever is unbrotherly, unsocial, immoral and a hindrance among men. In intellect, whatever its errings, there is hope; in stupidity there is no hope."

To such a public school system as ours moreover, especially under social and political conditions like unto our own, must we, manifestly, look for the means of Americanizing, so to speak, unifying, digesting and assimilating to our body politic, the mass of more or less incongruous materials being constantly poured in upon us and, in the midst of which, we must otherwise be hopelessly engulfed. What more potent, indeed, than that those who in after years are to live and to act together, socially and politically, should be bred together; should sit at the feet of the same instructors; should stand side by side, mating and matching themselves with each other in the same classes and wrestling together over the same problems; and so becoming acquainted with and interested in each other, bound together by the ties of mutual admiration and friendship? Only thus, plainly, can our population be kept or made homogeneous and truly American; kept in a word, from degenerating into baneful, undemocratic cliques and classes.

Again the fact, is I think, by no means unworthy of mention, in this connection, that the public school serves a most important purpose in *supplementing the discipline of the home*—which in many instances is doubtless a minus quantity—by inculcating principles of obedience, respect for authority, and habits of patient, persevering application and of systematic labor. Meantime the average public school teacher is quite as likely to deal faithfully, reasonably and justly, with the child as the average parent.

Aye, in multitudes of instances, may it not be said that the public schools actually do more in the direction of fixing correct habits than do the parents of the pupils themselves, since the former are entirely removed from all temptations to the weakness of misguided parental yieldings to the caprice of the child?

Public schools, withal, have a mission in respect to the promotion of an intelligent, as well as a vital, *patriotism*—to make every pupil feel and take to heart the fact that he is a child of the state and that the purpose of the public school is to make him a faithful, glad, high-minded, loyal servant of the state. Dr. Phillips Brooks, on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Boston Latin School, says concerning the *public* as opposed to the private, school:

“Here, let me say again, is a blessing which no private school can give. The German statesman, if you talk with him, will tell you that with every evil of his great military system, which makes every citizen a soldier for some portion of his life, it yet has one redeeming good. It brings each young man of the land once in his life directly into the country’s service, lets him directly feel its touch of dignity and power, makes him proud of it as his personal commander, and so insures a more definite and vivid loyalty through all his life. More graciously, more healthily, more Christianly, the American public school does what the barracks and the drill-room try to do. Would that its blessings might be made absolutely universal!”

The last, but by no means the least of the public services rendered by the public school is the *cultivation on the part of its pupils, of good manners and good morals*—the improvement not only of the head but also of the heart—of the moral nature. Mere smartness or cleverness, as the English call it, can hardly be esteemed the crowning qualification of usefulness, or of good citizenship. “Divested of personal excellence,” once said the Duke of Wellington, “intellectual culture serves but to make clever devils.” Ignorance is by no means the greatest evil with which human society may be infested or infected. Some of the most active and pestilent foes to liberty among us to-day, so far from being ignoramuses, are persons of marked intelligence and cultivated powers. Experience shows that crime, pauperism and other social and political ills, can never be cured by the acquisition of mere book knowledge. Undeniably the

cultivation of the moral faculties—the development of good character, in other words, of right principles and habits of action—is of supreme importance, certainly not less important than the acquisition merely of quick wits, or of deft fingers.

But now arises the question, can the public schools be reasonably and consistently expected to aid in the great work of cultivating these coveted moralities and so to bear at least some humble part in putting down this chief corner-stone of our free institutions? Says Mr. Ray Greene Huling, of the New Bedford high school, “The Commonwealth doubtless has a right to expect training in morality in the public schools;” and hence those teachers and officials are signally derelict to duty who do not seek in all legitimate and lawful ways to build up their pupils in virtue, as well as in knowledge. “The truly competent instructor,” says A. G. Lane, Supt. of Cook county, Ill., “will assuredly, besides dispensing scientific instruction, seek withal, on behalf of his pupils, to restrain selfishness, encourage the timid, approve the generous and faithful, awaken the dormant, arouse and inspire the sluggish, soften the boisterous, tame and control the turbulent, sympathize with the erring and sorrowing, win the wayward and punish the guilty.” And what does all this mean but character building, the development of true manhood.

So then a school system which shall not only command respect, but shall actually answer its full purpose in this land, will be one that shall develop intelligence, inspire industry and thrift, stimulate patriotism, and cultivate virtue, turning out manly men and womanly women fitted all round for the duties and obligations of citizenship in a republic like our own.

With reference to ends such as these, in harmony with principles and purposes such as these have the schools in Townsend, as I believe, been hitherto most faithfully conducted.

STATE OF THE SCHOOLS.

The schools of the town the past year have maintained at least their usual grade of excellence. Several, because of insufficient attendance, have been discontinued, including Dixon, Almshouse, Baberry Hill and Capers Corner, during the whole, and Joslynville and Old City, during a

portion of the year—the few children in each of these districts having been provided for by being conveyed, at the expense of the town, to neighboring schools.

The Joslynnville school during the summer term was taught very much to our satisfaction by Miss Mabel Brooks of Ashby. During the fall term it was taught by Miss M. Louise Dickerman, a graduate of our high school in the class of '88, and a young lady of decided ability.

During the winter term, Old City school has been taught by Miss M. R. Stearns. Miss Stearns has also had charge of the South Row school during the fall term. In both these situations she has given good satisfaction. The union of these two last named schools during the summer and fall terms was a success, and it is quite likely that had the present open winter been anticipated, the schools would have been combined during the past term also, as the attendance at both at present is hardly sufficient to make one good school.

Miss Anna S. Haynes, one of our best teachers, had charge of the South Row school during the summer term. During the past winter term this school has been taught by Miss Lottie Tower, also an honored graduate of our high school last summer. She has done all that could well, under the circumstances, be done for her little flock of five souls.

Miss Belle St. John Pierson was in charge of the Harbor school during the summer term. Miss Anna S. Haynes was her successor during the fall term, while during the winter term just closed, the school seems to have been ably and successfully handled by Miss S. Elizabeth Battles of Ashby.

The school No. 12 was taught during the summer by Miss Hattie Maynard, an adept in the art of teaching; while during the past two terms it has been very judiciously managed by Miss Eunice Manning. The school property in this district has now been put in excellent repair and presents a decidedly improved and attractive appearance.

The school at the North End was taught the first two terms of the year by Miss Alice Day, who had also had charge of it for several terms previously. The committee and superintendent count themselves fortunate in having secured for this large school, this past term, the services of that veteran school-master, Mr. Eugene R. Kilbourn. This is one of the largest and most notable schools in town, with an attendance

of more than thirty, and embracing several very bright minds. It needs hardly be said that Mr. Kilbourn has given eminent satisfaction to all.

The schools at the West during the whole past year have with singular good fortune enjoyed the efficient services of Miss Bertha Damon and of Miss Florence A. Eaton. These schools embrace many very promising pupils. The parents are naturally anxious to secure for them the best of teachers; in this respect they have for some time past been singularly favored.

In this connection I may be permitted to pause long enough to lay my tribute of sincere respect upon the new-made grave of the late esteemed principal of the West Grammar school, Miss Estelle M. Ryder of Westminster. Miss Ryder was a true lady, an accomplished and successful teacher, and one who enjoyed the affectionate esteem of all who knew her. She had a warm place in the hearts of her pupils and of a wide circle of friends.

The Center Primary has run its usual career of success the past year in the hands of its popular teacher Miss Jennie Stearns.

The Grammar School of late has been the subject of some vicissitudes. After completing the summer term Miss Abbie C. Hull, greatly to the regret of the committee, resigned. During the fall term the school was taught by Miss Emma Clements, a young lady, in some respects, of unusually brilliant parts. The last teacher of this school has been Miss Ida G. Rust of Topsfield, the effect of whose administration appears to have been pleasing and salutary.

The Centre Intermediate has been not less unfortunate during the year, so far as the matter of frequent shifting of teachers is concerned, Miss Mabel B. Priest having been the teacher during the first, Miss C. E. Allen during the second, and Miss Anna M. Jewett of Pepperell, during the third term. Certain elements of insubordination have for some time, been more or less rife in this school, seriously threatening to defeat its usefulness. It is, I am satisfied, the full determination of the committee to crush these. Miss Jewett has proved herself faithful and indefatigable in a very trying situation. A story is told of a traveller who lately having passed a New England school house where she had witnessed certain outrageous brutalities inflicted on smaller children by the bully of the school, inquired of a farmer, whom she a little later met on the way,

“What kind of a school have you up here?” “I hardly know,” replied the farmer, “but I reckon it would be pretty fair if it weren’t for Tom Rascal, as they call him, who, I am told, keeps things pretty generally stirred up.” It is very unfortunate that so many of our otherwise excellent schools should be just about ruined, often actually broken up and that hence so much of the public money should be worse than wasted because of the lawless and rowdy habits or conduct, of these “Tom Rascals,” who, besides being a terror to younger pupils, become unmitigated and intolerable pests to a whole school, presenting often almost insuperable obstacles to wholesome and effective school discipline. It is to be hoped that if necessary, summary measures may be adopted to exclude all such young barbarians from our public schools and to place them where they belong.

THE HIGH SCHOOL

is esteemed to have been doing its usually good work the past year. An uncommonly brilliant class was graduated last June. Their names together with the titles of their graduating themes, according to the program, were as follows:

Blanche Evelyn Baldwin, Anne Snow Bruce, Fannie May Estes, Blanche Ella Kendall, Hattie Mabel Boynton, Ida May Aspinwall, Alice Florence Tyler, Kittie Eugenia Flagg, Mary Louise Dickerman, Charlotte Annie Tower, Fannie Jane Saunders, David Pierce Harvey, George Bowman Irish.

PROGRAM.

Music. Prayer.

Greetings, Alice F. Tyler.

Recitation—“The Witch’s Daughter,” Anne S. Bruce.

Essay—Leap Year, Fannie M. Estes.

Essay—The Use and Abuse of a Dollar, Fannie J. Saunders.

Essay—Work for the Girls, Blanche E. Kendall.

Music.

Essay—What Shall we Read? I. May Aspinwall.

Essay—Our Nearest Neighbor, H. Mabel Boynton.

Recitation—“The Women of Mumbleshead,” Blanche E. Kendall.

Class History, Blanche E. Baldwin.

Essay—Specialties, Kittie E. Flagg.

Music.

Class Prophecy, George B. Irish.

Essay—Symbols, Alice F. Tyler.

Essay—Standards and Banners, M. Louise Dickerman.

Essay—The American Flag, David P. Harvey.

Recitation—"Ticket o' Leave," Kittie E. Flagg.

Class Paper, Anne S. Bruce.

Essay—Our Class Motto, with Closing Address, Charlotte A. Tower.

Music.

Presentation of Diplomas.

Music.

The anniversary exercises alluded to above were of more than ordinary local interest, constituting, in fact, for the place, and justly, the social event of the season if not of the year. They occurred on the evening of June 22, and took place at the Methodist church, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and which despite the excessive heat, was filled to repletion. These exercises were opened by an invocation by Rev. F. D. Sargent, pastor of the Congregational church, and were enlivened by several choice selections, finely rendered by the Townsend Orchestra. The essays, all of which were well read, evinced careful thought in their preparation and were very well received. The services were fittingly concluded by an appropriate and impressive address to the graduating class by the Chairman of the Board of School Committee, A. S. Fessenden, Esq., who then presented the well-earned diplomas.

These literary exercises were followed by a reception, in the room below, extended by the members of the graduating class to their many friends. It may also be here mentioned as a part of the history of this interesting event, that the graduating exercises were preceded by a sermon delivered in the Congregational church, on the Sabbath previous, by Rev. Melvin Allen of Ashby and addressed more especially to these retiring graduates. The discourse was able, appropriate, and much enjoyed by all.

Meantime, if this retiring class embraced many promising students, it gives me pleasure to state that the entering class, or the class of '91, will be found to include certainly no less of these, numbering some 18 at

the outset, and having successfully sustained an unusually severe ordeal in the way of a written examination for admission, its record thus far as a whole, has been brilliant, and points to a graduation day, two years hence, of which the friends and patrons of the school will have occasion to be proud.

The class about to graduate this coming season will be comparatively small, numbering only six or seven; yet what it may thus lack in numbers I trust it may be found to have made up in quality.

The following is the High School's

ROLL OF HONOR.

Those who have not been absent or tardy since last April: Walter Smith, Sarah Bowley, Mabel Warner. Among these would be numbered Henry Boynton if he had not been absent for sickness this week.

Those neither absent nor tardy since entering the school in September: Laura Upton, Sarah Upton, Mabel Savage, Maurice Leve.

Three, Harry Whitcombe, Lovisa Scribner and Jennie Weston, have not been absent but a half day since last April.

Absent one day since entering in September: George Maguire, Arthur Bush, Hattie Lawrence, Charles Stickney, Bessie Maguire.

In closing I cannot forbear to remark that my visits to and labors on behalf of the schools here during the past three years have afforded me unalloyed pleasure. It was not, accordingly, wholly without pain that, on the occasion of my recent visits to them, I realized that I was doubtless looking into the bright faces of these children, in whom I had come to be so much interested, for the last time.

Let me say, also, that, sustained by the prompt and efficient co-operation of so intelligent and public-spirited a school committee as that of Townsend—always ready to assume legitimate responsibility, as well as to authorize any wise or needed measure—the labors of the school superintendent in this town are rendered as light and unembarrassing as possible. May future generations, if not the present one, bear witness to the many and excellent fruits of their toil.

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

For 1888-9.

CHAIRMAN.

A. L. FESSENDEN, Esq.

SECRETARY.

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

L. G. CHANDLER, M. D.,

E. J. SARTELLE,

H. B. HILDRETH,

ROBERT THOMPSON,

J. W. EASTMAN,

A. G. STEARNS,

GEORGE H. BALDWIN,

J. O. BRIEN.

The several schools to which the different members of the committee, for purposes of local supervision and control, have been assigned, are as follows :

High School—A. L. FESSENDEN, L. G. CHANDLER, E. J. SARTELLE.

Centre Grammar—H. B. HILDRETH.

Intermediate—J. W. EASTMAN.

Primary—L. G. CHANDLER.

No. 2, (N. E.) GEORGE H. BALDWIN.

No. 3, (S. R.) E. J. SARTELLE.

No. 4, (B. H.)—H. B. HILDRETH.

Joslynnville—ROBERT THOMPSON.

Harbor—GEORGE H. BALDWIN.

Dixon—DR. L. G. CHANDLER.

Caper Corner—J. W. EASTMAN.

Old City—E. J. SARTELLE.

West Townsend Grammar—A. G. STEARNS.

West Townsend Primary—ROBERT THOMPSON.

Almshouse—A. G. STEARNS.

No. 12—J. O. BRIEN.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

E. A. SPAULDING,

ROBERT THOMPSON,

J. P. HILDRETH,

JOHN CAMPBELL.

A. G. STEARNS,

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL REPAIRS.

A. G. STEARNS,

H. B. HILDRETH,

GEORGE H. BALDWIN.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

R. H. HOWARD.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Arithmetic to Involution; Grammar, to parse and analyze simple sentences correctly and readily; Political Geography, finished; History of the United States, and the habit of expressing one's thoughts in complete and grammatical sentences.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

School expenditures for the year:

For Instruction,	\$3,028 01	
Repairs,	396 72	
School Supplies,	327 89	
Fuel,	210 83	
Carrying Children,	305 00	
Paid S. fund,	65 00	
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Total,		\$4,333 45
Provided for as follows:		
Appropriated by the town for schools,	\$3,500 00	
“ “ “ “ carrying children,	50 00	
“ “ “ “ school books,	400 00	
“ “ “ “ school house repairs,	200 00	
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Total,	\$4,150 00	
Received from the state,	158 28	
Revenue S. Fund,	138 33	
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Total,		\$4,446 61
		4,333 45
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Balance on hand,		\$113 16

TABULAR STATISTICAL EXHIBIT.

SCHOOLS.*	TEACHERS.	RESIDENCE.	Months taught.	Whole No. of pupils.†	Average membership.	Average attendance.	No. of tardy marks.	No. of visitors.
High School.	Mrs. Mary A. Howard.	Townsend.	10	48	32 $\frac{7}{10}$	31 $\frac{6}{10}$	26	214
Centre Primary.	Jennie Stearns.	Townsend.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	34	22	20 $\frac{3}{4}$	21	121
Centre Grammar.	{ Abbie C. Hull.	Tolland.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	34	33	31	114	75+
	{ Emma Clements.	Wellesley.						
	{ Ida G. Rust.	Topsfield.						
	{ Mabel B. Priest.	Boxboro'.						
Centre Intermediate.	{ C. E. Allen.	Woodstock, Ct.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	41	24	22	61	114
	{ Anna M. Jewett.	Pepperell.						
North End.	{ Alice Day.	Townsend.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	33	26 $\frac{1}{3}$	20 $\frac{5}{8}$	6	18
	{ Eugene R. Kilbourn.	Townsend.						
South Row.	{ Anna L. Haynes.	Townsend.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	13	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	26	48
	{ M. R. Stearns.	Townsend.						
	{ Lottie Tower.	W. Townsend.						
Joslynsville.	{ Mabel R. Brooks.	Ashby.	5	10	7	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	123	40
	{ M. Louise Dickerman.	W. Townsend.						
Harbor.	{ Belle St. John Pierson.	Boston.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	25	19	16	43	97
	{ Anna L. Haynes.	Townsend.						
West Grammar.	{ Elizabeth Battles.	Ashby.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	35	26	24	41	71
West Intermediate and Primary.	{ Florence A. Eaton.	Grafton, N. H.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	40	35	34	26	58
	{ Bertha Damon.	Ashby.						
No. 12.	{ Hattie H. Maynard.	Townsend.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	35	29	26		97
Old City.	{ Mrs. Eunice Manning.	Townsend.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	6	6	1	16
	{ M. R. Stearns.	Townsend.						
				267	245			

* Baberry Hill, Dixon, Caper Corner and Almshouse schools have been discontinued.

† This column represents the whole number of pupils enrolled in all the schools.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENTS.

Number of schools,	12
Number of male teachers,	1
Number of female teachers,	21
Number of different pupils attending school during the year,	300
Number under five years of age,	4
Number between eight and fourteen,	173
Number over fifteen years of age,	38
Average number belonging,	267
Average daily attendance,	245

SCHOLARS BY GRADES.

Number in Primary Schools,	74
Intermediate Schools,	40
Grammar Schools,	69
High School,	48
Mixed Schools,	122

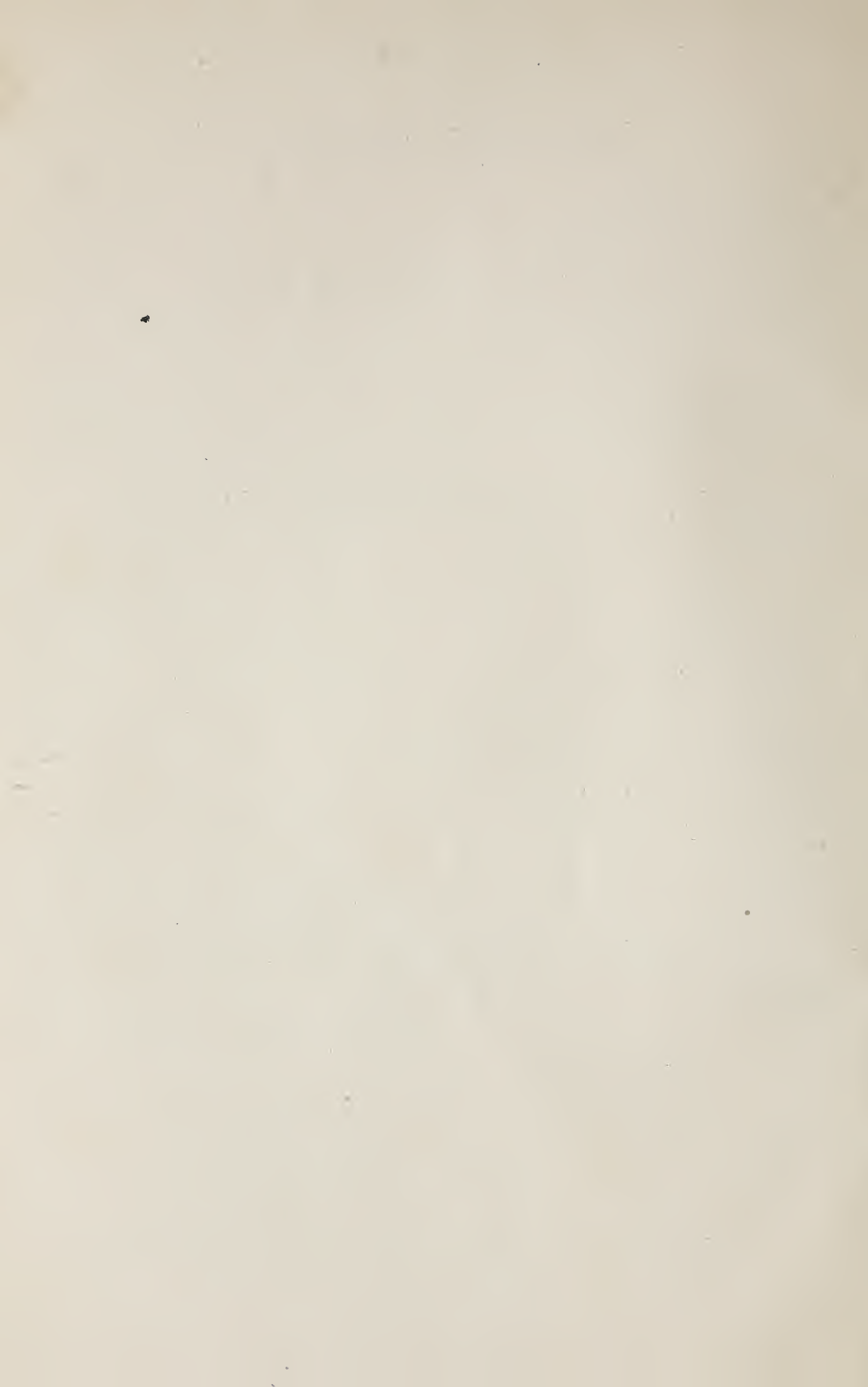
The foregoing is respectfully submitted as the report of the public schools of Townsend, for the year 1888-89.

R. H. HOWARD, *Superintendent*.

IN BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 20, 1889.

The Superintendent, Rev. R. H. Howard, made his report, which was accepted and adopted as the *Report of the School Committee* for the past year.

R. H. HOWARD, *Secretary*.



REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

EXPENSES OF POOR AT TOWN FARM.

Personal Property at town farm March 1, 1888, \$1,736 64	
Paid for extra help in house,	61 00
I. C. Wright, for mowing machine,	50 00
I. C. Wright, for plow and points,	15 50
Willis, for furniture,	7 85
A. G. Stearns, phosphate,	14 80
W. F. Roberts, bull,	25 00
U. S. Adams, grain bill,	31 94
S. B. Lewis, part pay as superintendent,	225 00
Will be due S. B. Lewis April 1, 1889,	125 00
Paid Orders drawn for extra help,	25 00
C. R. Farwell, harness,	9 00
L. G. Chandler, medical attendance,	16 00
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	\$2,342 73
Personal property at town farm March 1, 1889,	1,926 71
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Balance for support of farm,	\$416 02

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS OFF TOWN FARM.

Paid A. G. Stearns, care of Aaron Keyes,	\$9 00
G. W. Brooks, aid rendered,	29 67
L. G. Chandler, M. D., services and articles, Wm. H. Coffey,	6 00
William H. Drum, care of William H. Coffey,	67 00
Michael Coffey, care of William H. Coffey,	135 00
M. Gleason, for coffin for William H. Coffey,	12 00
G. Davis, for burial of William H. Coffey,	4 00

Paid A. G. Stearns, removing William H. Coffey to Ashby,	4 00
E. R. Kilbourn, expense in William H. Coffey case,	2 50
R. A. Thompson, wood for Mrs. Joel Manning,	13 50
William H. Melvin, cutting, &c., wood for Mrs. J. Manning,	6 00
Mrs. D. L. Crockett, board Martha Richardson,	49 00
Delmont O. Cushing, board E. Cushing,	30 00
A. J. Atwood, M. D., services in H. O. Hazzard family,	35 50
City of Fitchburg, aid to Mrs. Gassett,	5 88
H. B. Hildreth, goods to W. E. Burgess,	9 61
George Wyeth, board W. E. Burgess,	9 43
H. Wyeth, board and medicine furnished W. E. Burgess,	40 00
W. P. Taylor, medicine furnished W. E. Burgess,	8 40
A. G. Stearns, cash paid Ed Peters' family,	2 25
C. W. Hildreth, goods D. D. Gilson,	2 40
L. G. Chandler, services D. D. Gilson family,	4 00
James Miller, goods delivered D. D. Gilson family,	2 00
L. G. Chandler, examination of Thomas Cook,	3 00
A. G. Stearns, time and cash paid Mrs. G. W. Nickolas case,	26 90
A. G. Stearns, time and cash paid T. E. Sylvester case,	10 50
A. G. Stearns, time and cash paid Thomas Cook case,	3 25
E. R. Kilbourn, time and cash paid William Baldwin case,	1 50
R. B. Boynton, services Henry Mitchell,	62 20
R. B. Boynton, services Labounty family,	4 50
R. B. Boynton, services Mrs. Warden,	2 00

 \$599 99

Received from city of Fitchburg on George Brooks' account, 1888,	\$29 67
Due from city of Fitchburg on Geo. Brooks' account,	1 75
from city of Fitchburg on Henry Mitchell account,	62 20
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	\$93 62
Net cost of support of paupers off farm,	\$506 37
Orders drawn Carrie King on Charles Sawyer's account,	\$49 20
Due from Charles Sawyer,	\$75 00
Carrie King of the above amount,	\$50 80

OLD CONTRACTS.

Paid Oliver Proctor, telephoning, mucilage, &c.,	\$1 28
Abel Spaulding, care of school house No. 1,	30 00
J. E. Hudson, painting hearse,	14 00
George Baldwin, services repair committee,	3 50
L. D. Crockett, balance superintendent town farm,	25 00
William Smith, wood No. 8 school house,	7 50
Hattie E. Crockett, work at almshouse,	18 00
J. A. Dixon, shoveling snow,	5 40
Town of Ashburnham, burial L. A. Davis,	21 00
Melvin T. Adams, care No. 12 school house,	2 00
C. H. Seaver, setting glass No. 3 school house,	75
W. S. Dudley, milk furnished D. D. Gilson,	5 90
Blanchard & Brown, printing reports,	44 00
Richard McElligott, postage on reports,	90
Town of Shirley, aid to Cynthia Phelps,	33 50
Simon Francis, shoveling snow,	3 15
Charles Hosley, shoveling snow,	4 40
A. L. Fessenden, fire department,	400 00
G. E. Gates, poll tax firemen Townsend Centre,	20 00
C. T. McDorman, poll tax firemen West Townsend,	68 00
William H. Drum, balance care of W. H. Coffey,	43 00
H. B. Hildreth, varnish for hearse, &c.	4 19
Perley Pierce, carting shavings,	12 00
E. T. Hall, team to draw hose carriage,	1 00
City of Fitchburg, aid to Gassett family,	9 00
G. A. Seaver, goods delivered George Brooks' family,	20 65
S. J. Stearns, repairs of road and school house,	2 25
M. V. Gilchrist, grain for town farm,	20 35
John Brown, rent for D. D. Gilson,	12 00
U. S. Adams, coal engine house,	9 19
Clarence Stickney, damage to Aker on account of town cattle,	2 00
Lucy L. Lewis, support of watering trough,	5 00

Paid A. J. Atwood, M. D., returning births, 1887,	1 75
William Farnsworth, use of well for school,	2 00
H. B. Hildreth, collecting taxes 1887,	19 40
Interest on town notes,	158 05
High school teacher,	60 00
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	\$1090 11

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid J. A. Dixon, wood for the selectmen's room,	\$2 94
A. G. Stearns, repair of aqueduct at town farm,	2 50
F. H. Merriam, printing assessors' notices,	1 25
N. H. Hartwell, printing overseers' notices and billheads,	2 50
Eugene R. Kilbourn, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	130 00
Abel G. Stearns, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	130 00
Asa K. Tyler, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	130 00
E. A. Blood, services as town clerk,	10 00
Charles W. Hildreth, services as town treasurer,	50 00
Michael O'Brien, services as constable,	10 00
A. G. Stearns, H. B. Hildreth and G. H. Baldwin, services as repair committee on school buildings,	10 00
L. G. Chandler, services as board of health,	1 00
E. A. Blood, services as registrar of voters,	5 00
W. P. Taylor, services as registrar of voters,	5 00
E. F. Spaulding, services as registrar of voters,	5 00
J. F. Thompson, services as registrar of voters,	5 00
H. B. Hildreth, part pay for collecting taxes, 1888,	125 00
J. Q. Sartell, work on guide boards,	4 33
J. C. Hudson, painting guide boards,	3 25
John Coffey, cutting wood for selectmen's room,	1 35
C. R. Farwell, going for and returning hearse,	7 00

Paid Quincy Adams, going for and returning hearse,	1 00
C. H. Holcomb, M. D., reporting births,	50
A. J. Atwood, M. D., reporting births,	75
R. B. Boynton, M. D., reporting births,	1 75
L. G. Chandler, M. D., reporting births,	4 00
E. A. Blood, returning births, marriages and deaths,	28 55
E. A. Blood, cash paid express,	2 65
E. A. Blood, postage, stationery, &c.,	2 37
E. A. Blood, license blanks and posters,	1 75
A. F. Stickney and J. McElligott, printing and posting town warrants,	5 80
H. B. Hildreth, collector's and cash books,	3 15
Huntley S. Turner, printing check lists,	9 00
A. J. Atwood, certificate of disability, George W. Bennett,	2 00
A. J. Atwood, certificate relative to Thomas Cook,	2 00
C. W. Hildreth, express, stationery, &c.,	3 64
G. L. Eastman, agent, use of hall for town purposes,	53 69
J. F. Thompson, sawing lumber drawn from town farm,	13 95
Selectmen, cash paid for postage, stationery, &c.,	1 66
Calvin Boutelle, road scraper,	4 00
A. G. Stearns, expense in Reed case,	\$4 00
E. R. Kilbourn, expense in Reed case,	6 40
H. B. Hildreth, expense in Reed case,	86
M. O'Brien, expense in Reed case,	3 50
A. S. Wallace, expense in Reed case,	8 00
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A. K. Tyler, expense of telegraphing,	1 25
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	\$807 34

EXPENSES OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The highways have been repaired under the direction of the following persons and the following sums have been expended :

Paid E. R. Kilbourn,	110 26
A. G. Stearns,	330 65
A. K. Tyler,	410 32
Dana A. Fletcher,	43 48
George A. Fletcher,	31 43
J. L. Jennerson,	46 53
Oliver Proctor,	38 96
Granville Wood,	51 75
S. B. Lewis,	38 66
O. D. Evans,	5 00
Thomas Smith,	54 55
G. L. Whitcomb,	8 16
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	\$1169 75
Orders drawn, repairs on road machine,	21 40
Orders drawn, railings and posts,	9 28
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	\$30 68
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	\$1200 43
Snow paths,	671 67
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	\$1871 10
Orders drawn for bridge plank,	\$212 30
Orders drawn for repairs on town farm buildings,	174 55
Orders drawn for insurance,	137 90
Orders drawn for interest on town notes,	259 89

ORDERS DRAWN FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

CARRYING CHILDREN TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

Paid Edwin A. Dickson, from almshouse to West Townsend for the year 1888-9,	90 00
William Smith, from No. 8 to No. 12, two terms,	60 00
F. C. Drew, from No. 4 to West Townsend, two terms,	50 00
Miles E. Vincent, from No. 9 to Harbor, two terms,	40 00
C. I. Brackett, from City to South Row, one term,	30 00
M. R. Stearns, from City to South Row, one term,	35 00
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	\$305 00
Paid William Smith from Dixon district to No. 12, one term, paid by town treasurer out of school fund,	35 00
E. Bruce from Baberry hill to West Townsend,	30 00
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	\$370 00

FUEL FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid Townsend Centre,	95 20
West Townsend,	48 10
North End,	27 78
South Row,	3 25
Harbor,	12 10
No. 12,	14 15
Joslynville,	12 50
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	\$213 08

CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid No. 1,	\$89 50
No. 2,	7 00
South Row,	5 50
Joslynville,	3 00
Harbor,	6 75
West Townsend (including water),	24 25
No. 12,	4 00
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	\$140 00

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid A. G. Stearns, No. 5 and 11 school houses,		\$4 20
C. Stickney, lumber, No. 12,	7 50	
W. S. Dudley, repairs, No. 12,	119 50	
C. A. Stickney, lumber, No. 12,	2 25	
H. B. Hildreth, materials, furnished No. 12,	10 48	
E. Winn, painting, No. 12,	38 72	
N. Stearns, removing rubbish, No. 12,	2 00	
W. P. Taylor, lumber, No. 12,	40 96	
E. F. Harvey, repairs of clock, No. 12,	50	
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W. S. Dudley, building fence at No. 9,	39 37	
O. Proctor, posts for fence at No. 9,	3 60	
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E. L. Winn, repairing blackboard, etc., No. 1,	15 83	
A. W. Fisk, repairing settees, No. 1,	22 50	
H. B. Hildreth, repairing settees, No. 1,	2 62	
F. E. Sanderson, repairing roof, No. 1,	13 75	
S. O. Marshall, repairing plastering, No. 1,	2 19	
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Mrs. James Aker, cleaning, etc., No. 11,	4 50	
J. F. Thompson, repairs of pump, No. 11,	2 50	
W. S. Hunter, plastering, etc., No. 11,	3 30	
George Seaver, goods furnished No. 11,	2 27	
A. G. Stearns, reseating, cash paid, No. 1,	11 27	
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G. H. Jennerson, repairs No. 10,	2 00	
G. H. Baldwin, repairs No. 7,	1 40	
R. A. Thompson, repairs No. 5,	1 65	
H. B. Hildreth, repairs schools, articles furnished,	21 86	
F. C. Burt, repairs schools, labor and articles furnished,	20 00	
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Paid School books and other supplies,	327 89
School teachers,	3,028 01
R. H. Howard, superintendent of schools,	150 00
H. B. Hildreth, care of school books,	25 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid A. D. Fessenden, cash paid for hose,	\$75 00
A. D. Fessenden, spanners and belts,	20 00
Charles T. McDorman, repairs engine house West Townsend,	11 05
F. E. Sanderson, repairs engine house Townsend Centre,	5 00
F. E. Sanderson, repairs engine house West Townsend,	2 50
U. S. Adams, coal Townsend Centre,	14 50
C. W. Hildreth, goods furnished fire department,	2 30
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	\$130 35

Paid Memorial fund,	\$200 00
L. G. Chandler, library,	100 00
Kate Larkin, care of library,	55 00
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	\$355 00

STATE AID.

State aid has been paid to the following persons by order of the State Aid Commissioners :

Paid Buckley, James,	\$15 00
Brannan, Mrs. Fidelia,	48 00
Burgess, Stephen,	36 00
Burgess, Jane P.,	48 00
Cook, Reuben S.,	42 00
Clark, Abram,	72 00
Clark, Mary A.,	48 00
Day, E. O.,	36 00
Gillis, James,	35 00
Hunter, U. S.,	52 50
Morgan, William A.,	72 00

Paid Parker, Jonah,	4 00	
Pierce, Amos,	72 00	
Patten, Albert,	36 00	
Patten, Mary,	48 00	
Spaulding, L. U.,	72 00	
Turner, A. D.,	48 00	
Wright, C. A.,	48 00	
Wright, Jennie,	48 00	
Woodward, Anna,	48 00	
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MILITARY AID.

Paid Bennett, George W.,	\$30 00	
Gilson, D. D.,	120 00	
Henderson, Charles,	72 00	
Hazzard, H. O.,	96 00	
King, James,	120 00	
Leve, A. M.,	48 00	
Perkins, Abraham,	72 00	
Mitchell, W. C.,	60 00	
Piper, George H.,	120 00	
Todd, Hugh,	96 00	
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Walter Atherton,	\$3 25
Edgar Allen, gone,	2 00
Fred H. Bohanon, gone,	2 00
Abram Clark,	8 00
E. R. Cowdry,	2 00
L. R. C. Clark. exempt,	6 25
Dennis Curtin, gone,	2 00
Frank L. Combs, gone,	2 00
Anthony Griffin's estate, exempt,	6 06
Mrs. Lydia Hill, exempt,	6 25

Frank Laws, not liable,	2 00	
James O'Niel's estate,	6 25	
Charles Peckham, not liable,	2 00	
Charles H. Rawson, not liable,	2 00	
William Upton, not liable,	2 00	
Henry F. Warner, deceased,	2 00	
L. U. Clement, not liable,	11 25	
Frank M. Warren, error,	1 25	
William A. Hildreth, error,	3 69	
	<hr/>	\$72 25

MONEY RAISED BY VOTE OF THE TOWN, MARCH, 1888.

For Schools,		\$3,500 00
Highways,		1,800 00
Town charges,		1,000 00
Support of poor,		800 00
Town library,		155 00
Purchase of school books,		400 00
Repairs on school houses,		200 00
To pay town debt and interest,		2,000 00
Fire department,		400 00
To add to memorial fund,		200 00
Carrying children to and from school,		50 00
Suppression of illegal sale of intoxicating liquors,		200 00
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		\$10,705 00
State tax,	\$1,282 50	
County tax,	719 65	
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		\$12,707 15
Overlayings,		399 90
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		\$13,107 05

No. of polls,	505
Tax on each poll,	\$2 00
Valuation of personal estate,	\$196,735 00
Valuation of real estate,	787,685 00
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	\$984,420 00
Rate per \$1000,	\$12.30

RECAPITULATION.

Orders drawn for almshouse,	\$481 09
Orders drawn for paupers off farm,	599 99
Orders drawn for Carrie King account,	49 20
Orders drawn for old contracts,	1090 11
Orders drawn for incidental expenses,	802 34
Orders drawn for highways,	1200 43
Orders drawn for snow paths,	676 67
Orders drawn for bridge plank,	212 30
Orders drawn for repair town farm buildings,	174 55
Orders drawn for insurance,	137 90
Orders drawn for schools,	4,685 62
Orders drawn for fire department,	130 35
Orders drawn for state aid,	928 50
Orders drawn for military aid,	834 00
Orders drawn for Memorial fund,	200 00
Orders drawn for L. G. Chandler, library,	100 00
Orders drawn for Kate Larkin, librarian,	55 00
Orders drawn for abatement of taxes, 1887-8,	72 25
Orders drawn for interest on town note,	259 87
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	\$12,590 25

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1889.

Notes against the town, March 1,	\$4,194 00
Interest on town notes,	73 87
J. N. Tucker fund,	500 00
Due fire department, May 1,	400 00
Enginememen, May 1, poll tax, about	100 00
Superintendent town farm, April 1,	125 00
Printing reports, estimated,	40 00
Bills in Lizzie Reed case, estimated,	35 00
Outstanding orders,	82 57
Interest on Tucker fund,	25 00
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	\$5575 44

ASSETS, MARCH 1, 1889.

Due from State, State aid,	\$928 50
State, military aid,	417 00
City of Fitchburg, G. Brooks account,	1 75
City of Fitchburg, Henry Mitchell account,	62 20
Carrie King, cash advanced,	24 20
Library committee,	18 48
Cash in hands of school committee,	37 84
H. B. Hildreth, collector for 1887,	118 45
H. B. Hildreth, collector for 1888,	1,671 90
State, balance corporation tax,	154 70
Cash in hands of treasurer,	212 52
A. M. Wilson, cash received for wood and lumber from cemetery,	11 53
Books in hands of H. B. Hildreth,	253 05
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	\$3912 12
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Balance against town, March 1, 1889,	\$1663 32

Total debt, March 1, 1888,	\$3,014 28
Total debt, March 1, 1889,	1,663 32
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Debt reduced,	\$1,350 96

EUGENE R. KILBOURN, } *Selectmen*
 ABEL G. STEARNS, } *of*
 ASA K. TYLER, } *Townsend.*

TOWNSEND, MARCH 2, 1889.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find them correct.

A. L. FESSENDEN, } *Finance Committee.*
 JOHN SCALES, }

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1889.

Balance from last report,	\$1,288 29
Received from county treasurer, dog licenses,	218 83
State treasurer, corporation tax,	647 18
National bank tax,	477 79
Military aid,	259 00
State aid,	904 00
School committee,	300 00
City of Fitchburg, account George Brooks,	73 57
King and Sawyer case,	25 00
North Star Lodge,	20 00
Town Histories,	5 00
William Dix, license on billiard table,	2 00
W. D. Burrell, license on billiard table,	2 00
W. P. Taylor, druggist license,	1 00
City of Cambridge,	9 00
A. O. Blood, for gravel,	1 00
Money borrowed,	4,044 00
H. B. Hildreth, collector 1887,	1,312 33
H. B. Hildreth, interest on taxes for 1887,	46 27
H. B. Hildreth, collector 1888,	10,715 50
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	\$20,351 76
Paid State treasurer, state tax,	1,282 50
State treasurer, National Bank tax,	465 16
State treasurer, liquor license,	25
Town of Ashby for taxes,	1 40
Notes,	5,856 48
Town Orders,	12,533 45
March 1, 1889, balance on hand,	212 52
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	\$20,351 76

Balance due from H. B. Hildreth, collector taxes		
1887,	\$1,430	78
He has paid the treasurer,	1,312	33
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Leaving balance due from him,	\$218	45
Amount committed to H. B. Hildreth, collector		
1888,		\$13,107 05
He has paid the treasurer,	\$10,715	50
He has paid county tax,	719	65
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Leaving balance due the town from him		\$11,435 15
March 1, 1889,		\$1,671 90

C. W. HILDRETH,

Treasurer Town of Townsend.

TOWNSEND, March 2, 1889.

We have examined the above report and find it correct.

A. L. FESSENDEN,	} Finance Committee.
JOHN SCALES,	

TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Received from A. L. Fessenden, chairman,	\$187	02
Income Mass. school fund,	158	28
Revenue school fund,	138	33
George Gorham, for damages on school house,	10	00
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	\$493	63
Paid for Graduating exercises, class 1888,	\$15	98
E. F. Hovvey, repairing clock,	75	
Repairs on school building,	8	45
Town treasurer, for school purposes,	300	00
Care of school houses,	13	00
For wood,	24	61
Michael O'Brien, for services as constable,	3	00
Carrying children to school,	90	00
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	\$455	79
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	\$37	84

C. W. HILDRETH, *Treasurer.*

TOWNSEND, March 2, 1889.

We have examined the above report and find the same correct.

A. L. FESSENDEN,	} Finance Committee.
JOHN SCALES,	

Report of the Treasurer of the Joel Giles Fund.

	DR.	
To balance as per report of 1888,	\$4 65	
Cash received for interest,	120 00	
	<hr/>	\$124 65
	CR.	
By cash paid F. C. Burt, new pump,	\$9 48	
Cash paid for work in cemetery,	111 34	
Cash on hand,	3 83	
	<hr/>	\$124 65

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. FESSENDEN, *Treasurer.*

TOWNSEND, March 2, 1889.

I have this day examined the above report and find the same correct.

JOHN SCALES, *Finance Committee.*

Report of Treasurer of the R. T. Bartlett Fund.

To interest received on fund,		\$6 00
	CR.	
By Cash expended on Bartlett lot,	\$4 00	
Cash on hand,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$6 00

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. FESSENDEN, *Treasurer.*

TOWNSEND, March 2, 1889.

The above account has been examined by me and found correct.

JOHN SCALES, *Finance Committee.*

Report of West Townsend Cemetery Committee,

HAVING IN TRUST THE TUCKER FUND,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1889.

	DR.	
To Cash on hand March 1, 1888,	\$21 94	
One year's interest due,	25 00	
	—————	\$46 94
	CR.	
By cash expended in cemetery,	\$25 88	
Cash on hand March 1, 1889,	21 06	
	—————	\$46 94

A. M. WILSON, *Committee.*

TOWNSEND, March 2, 1889.

The above report has been examined and found correct.

A. L. FESSENDEN, } *Finance Committee.*
JOHN SCALES, }

TOWN MEETING.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Townsend, in said County,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the TOWN HALL, in TOWNSEND, on MONDAY, MARCH 11, at ten o'clock A. M., A. D. 1889,

To act on the following articles, viz.:

ART. 1. To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To raise money for the support of schools, and say how much.

ART. 4. To raise money for the maintenance of roads and bridges, and say how much, and how the same shall be expended.

ART. 5. To raise money to defray all necessary town charges, and say how much.

ART. 6. To raise money to pay old town debts, and interest, and say how much.

ART. 7. To raise money to be expended in carrying children to and from school, and say how much.

ART. 8. To raise money for the maintenance of the fire department, and say how much, or act in relation to same.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to raise money to add to the memorial fund, and say how much.

ART. 10. To see if the town will raise money for the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors or act in relation to the same.

ART. 11. To see if the town will raise money for Memorial day, or act in relation to the same.

ART. 12. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow money if necessary.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to license the sale of intoxicating liquors in accordance with Chap. 54, Sec. 1, of the laws of 1881.

ART. 14. To see if the town will fix a time when their taxes shall be collected.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to charge upon all taxes not paid at specified times, interest, and say how much, or act in relation to the same.

ART. 16. To see if the town will choose a board of trustees to have charge of trust funds presented to the town by the late Joel Giles, James N. Tucker and R. T. Bartlett.

ART. 17. To see if the town will choose a committee to act with the selectmen in the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 18. By request, to see if the town will determine the number of men that shall belong to the Squanicook and Eclipse fire companies, and of how many each company shall consist.

ART. 19. By request, to see if the town will authorize the school committee to unite with the committee of other towns for the purpose of forming a district for the supervision of schools as provided for in Chap. 431, of the acts of 1888, also make appropriation for the same, or act in relation to the same.

ART. 20. By request, to see if the town will purchase a new road machine, or act in relation to the same.

ART. 21. By request, to see if the town will raise money to be appropriated for village improvement, or act in relation to the same.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway leading from the house of Stephen Burgess to the highway leading from the Dixon school house to the house of James Dixon.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the old highway that leads from the highway that passes the house of James Sloan to the house of Thomas Bixby, to the highway that leads from the Old City to South Row, or act in relation to the same.

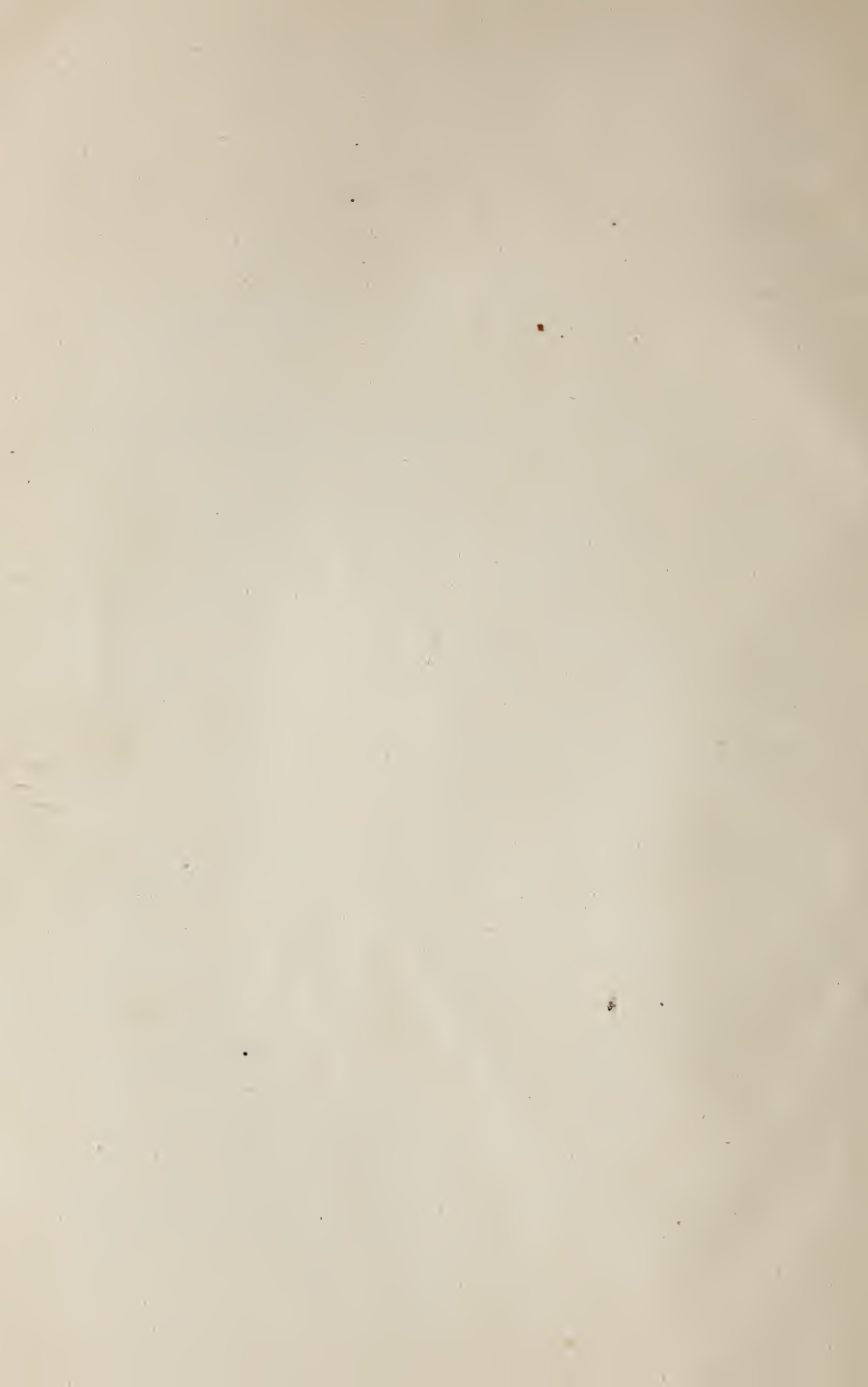
ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway that leads from the old Ball place to the highway that passes the house of Edmond Blood.

ART. 25. By request, to see if the town will raise money to widen the road and bridge near Oren Lawrence's, or act in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof, at the Town Hall, the brick store at the Centre, the brick meeting house in West Townsend, and the meeting house in the Harbor, in said Townsend, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of your doings thereon, to the selectmen or town clerk, on or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands, this second day of March, A. D. 1889.

EUGENE R. KILBOURN,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ABEL G. STEARNS,	
ASA K. TYLER,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Townsend.</i>







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